

ENDS HIS LIFE BY DRINKING ALCOHOL

Robert Hobbs, of Chesterfield,
Commits Suicide by Swallowing
Deadly Drug.

GENEROUS TO THE POOR

More Abundant Provision for
Them This Christmas Than
Usual—Holiday Offenders.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., December 26.—Robert Hobbs committed suicide at his residence in Etrick, Chesterfield county, on Christmas Eve, by drinking a large quantity of alcohol and benzene. Hobbs, who was about thirty-five years old and unmarried, lived with two invalid sisters, of whom he took care. He is said to have been drinking recently, and to have told his sisters that he would support them or kill himself. The body of the unfortunate man was buried on Christmas day without a funeral or burial service. He is survived by his two sisters and one brother, Mr. George Hobbs, of Crewe, Va.

Christmas Offenders in Court.

A comparatively small collection of Christmas offenders were arraigned in the Mayor's court this morning, and most of the "doctors" were disposed of with fines for disorderly conduct, and like offenses. The case of Mollie Walker, a negro woman charged with stabbing and cutting Belle Jackson, colored, in a fight near the Centre Market, was continued. The Jackson woman was wounded in the breast. John M. Fisher and Sterling, the two negroes recently arrested here while attempting to pawn or sell a handsome overcoat, were sent to jail for six and three months respectively. The coat was stolen from a passenger train at Emporia, and belongs to H. E. Hagers, colored, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Pleasure for Children.

Christmas tree entertainments galore were given this afternoon and evening to the children of the Sunday schools of many churches of the various denominations, and a goodly Christmas dinner for two hundred of the poor of the city was provided by the Salvation Army. This year the Christmas season has been marked by a notable amount of charitable work by the King's Daughters, the Empty Stomach Club, and other organizations in the city who have contributed largely in money and by generous gifts of food and clothing to the needs of many families and poverty-stricken individuals. Such reports from so many sources promise well for the success of the newly organized Associated Charities of Petersburg.

WILL FIGHT THE PLAN

Strong Opposition to Be Made to Lynchburg's Commission Plan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 26.—It is feared by friends of the plan that the scheme looking to the administration of the affairs of Lynchburg by an executive commission akin to the present system in vogue in Galveston, Texas, will have a hard fight made against it when it comes up for consideration by the Board of Aldermen at an adjourned meeting to be held on January 5th.

The plan has already been adopted by the Common Council, but it is known that there will be opposition to it in the Board when the measure comes up for consideration.

The plan is to have a board composed of three members, one of which shall be the Mayor. The salaries will be fixed between \$1,500 and \$2,500 for each member per annum if it prevails. In addition to this, it is intended to reserve a way of appointing court duty and provide for a police justice to reside over that court.

CUT FLAGMAN'S THROAT

Serious Disorder on Southern Train Caused by Negroes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., December 26.—In a Christmas train on the Southern Railway, near Holland, Va., the flagman's throat was cut to a length of several inches, and a member of the train's crew was knocked senseless with a blackjack. The row was with negroes. They tied all the Jim Crow car, occupied standing room in the white cars, and were packed to the number of more than 100 in the baggage car. A conductor on the Southern says there were seven fights on the train between Tomsaw and Asheville, N. C. Special officers were engaged for the return trip.

TRAILED EIGHTEEN MILES

Remarkable Results Accomplished by Branch's Bloodhounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., December 26.—"Hurricane" Branch reports that his bloodhounds trailed Fred Lawrence, a noted burglar from Ryland, N. C., where Jones & Blanchard's store was broken open, to Daniels, where another store was burglarized, and then to Ironton, where the man was caught, and at a hearing held for the Superior Court. Branch says the bloodhounds trailed all told, eighteen miles.

Killed by Shifting Engine.

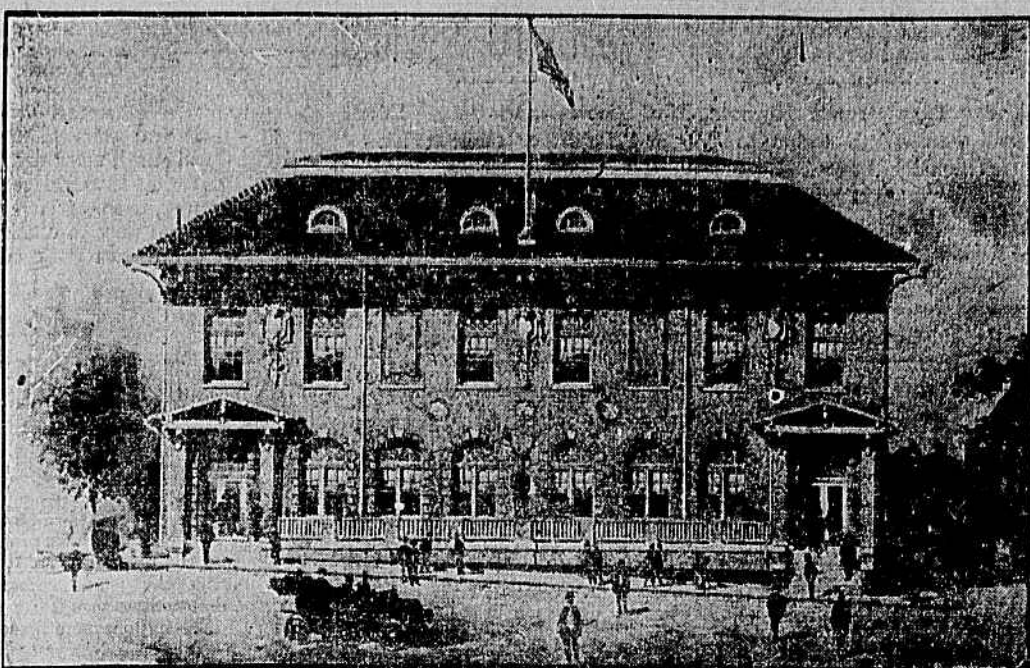
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 26.—Joseph Caubell, white, aged thirty-five, was run over and killed some time last night by a shifting engine on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, on Jefferson Street, South Norfolk. He leaves a widow and two children. It is said that Caubell was drinking and attempted to cross the track when the engine was practically on him. The body was buried many feet in the air.

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ELKS HOME AT CLIFTON FORGE



Plans for the Elks' Home at Clifton Forge have been prepared by Mr. Edward G. Frye, architect, of Lynchburg, and accepted. The building will be 40x100 feet, two stories high, with basement for steam heat. The outside of the building is to be faced with fire finished pressed brick, finished with stone.

On the first floor will be the social and billiard rooms, each 30x42 feet, with high wainscot, fireplace and beam ceiling. The ladies' social room and kitchen will also be on the first floor.

On the second floor will be the bedroom, dining, room and buffet, together with the usual ante and properly rooms.

PINE BEACH HOTELS DESTROYED BY FIRE

What Was Left of Village Outside of Exposition Grounds Practically Swept Away.

NO INSURANCE ON HOUSES

Total Loss About \$25,000.
Young Man Has Eye Blown Out by Cannon Cracker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 26.—Pine Beach was visited early this morning by an extensive fire that practically wiped out the village outside of the exposition grounds, entailing a loss of between \$25,000 and \$30,000. It is a total loss, the insurance companies having declined to carry the risks after the exposition closed.

The fire started at midnight and lasted for over three hours. The various structures, temporary hotels, stores and booths, all frame buildings, burned like tinder, and were total losses. The origin of the fire is problematic.

The following are the buildings destroyed: Hotel Portsmouth, Virginia Railway headquarters, where all of the construction force is quartered; Hotel Chesterfield, Pamlico, Chancellor, Virginia Inn, the Owl Restaurant, Colonial Restaurant, "The Hunter," a show, and a number of booths and shops that were occupied during the exposition by itinerant vendors of various kinds.

Will Lose His Eye.

Frank R. McCollough, aged twenty-one years, and an electrician in the employ of the City Gas Company, Portsmouth, will lose an eye owing to the premature explosion of a firecracker. The ball of his eye was completely torn from its socket, and had to be removed by the attending oculist.

The announcement is made that little nine-year-old Vivian Ware, who was injured by a trolley car on Christmas Eve, is in a precarious condition, following the amputation of her left arm. It develops that her skull is fractured, complicating matters. Physicians in attendance are of the opinion that the chances are against her recovery.

Marine Rioters Fined.

The riot among the marines yesterday was aired in the Police Court today, and the ringleaders, Artis, Wooland, Kuerbe and Forest, were each fined \$10. The others were released to be handled by the navy yard officers. It is understood that officers reported the names of all engaged in the street riot, and that they will be punished by the government, probably losing the right to get away from the yard again for months.

GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

Only Given a Reprimand, However, Because of Circumstances.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 26.—The local Steamboat Board, composed of Messrs. Bray and Tapley, yesterday found Henry Wobbe, first assistant engineer of the naval collier Brutus guilty of misconduct for deserting his post, but imposed only a reprimand because of extenuating circumstances.

FALLS DOWN STAIRWAY

Mrs. Balke Receives Injuries Which May Cause Her Death.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 26.—Mrs. Charles Balke, who is employed as housekeeper by Mrs. Ella Charles, was probably fatally injured last night by falling down the stairs at Mrs. Charles' home. Mrs. Balke was removed to the hospital, and it was found that she was suffering from a bad fracture of the skull and concussion of the brain. The physicians entertain little hope for her recovery.

KNOCKED HIM IN THE HEAD

One Negro Who Had Too Much Whiskey Assaults Another.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, Va., December 26.—As a result of too free use of Christmas corn whiskey, Eddie Puryear was knocked in the head late yesterday afternoon with the butt end of a gun, in the hands of Fletcher Pulliam. Both men are negroes.

The difficulty occurred near Shipwreck.

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COAST LINE MUST FIGHT

Action of Stockholders Renders Officers Unable to Withdraw.

Soldiers to Get Pay.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 26.—Special Policeman Mallory was stabbed yesterday afternoon by Steward Anes, of the British steamship Vortigen. It is said that both men had been drinking, and when they were given a hearing in Justice Jones' Court today the minimum fine was imposed upon Anes.

Accidents with Fireworks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 26.—Miss Olivia Riddick, of 1158 Thirty-second Street, had three fingers of her right hand torn off and her wrist terribly lacerated yesterday while exploding a giant firecracker.

Fire in Chatham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, Va., December 26.—A small house located in the rear of the business section of town was burned very early Wednesday morning. A very short distance away were several stores, but prompt and effective work prevented spreading of the flames.

German in Fredericksburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 26.—The Christmas German given last night at the Opera House was a brilliant success. The floor presented an animated scene and there were a large number of spectators present. Refreshments were served at midnight.

Hungry As a Bear and Can't Eat

If, When Meal Time Comes, You Suffer from a Yes-No Kind of Hunger, You're a Dyspeptic.

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A good many people get mad when you tell them they've got dyspepsia, but you won't find it in their stomachs. They know they've got it, but they don't know how to cure it.

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RALPH, N. C., December 26.—Asked as to the progress of the railroad rate legislation and the trend of events leading up to the assembling of the General Assembly in special session to ratify the pending compromise, Governor Glenn said this morning that he was expecting almost any tick of the clock to mark the arrival of a communication for which he is waiting before taking some important action in the matter.

"Something is really about to happen, then," queried the newspaper man. "Oh, yes. I don't consider that there is really any doubt about the assembling of the Legislature," was the Governor's response. "It is only a question of just when the call will be issued and for what date."

To Press the Case.

It is a fact not generally known that the counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line branch of the rate litigation have reiterated their definite purpose to press the Coast Line cases to final determination before the United States Supreme Court. The fact is that under the peculiar institution of the Coast Line case the railroad company is really powerless to take any action for stopping the litigation. The suit is by stockholders enjoining the officers of the railroad company from putting on the 24-cent rate prescribed by the legislative act, while the cases of the Southern and the other roads are by the respective companies against the Corporation Commission and the Auditor General, enjoining them from taking action that would lead to enforcing the rate.

So it would be necessary for the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line to be relieved of the task of enjoining the United States Supreme Court against them by the stockholders of the company before they could do anything whatever in the matter of coming into the compromise adjustment. Practically the same issues of constitutional property and unconstitutional ality on other grounds are involved in the Coast Line suit of the stockholders as in the Southern and other suits about to be settled out of court through compromise and legislative ratification.

Will Get Their Money.

The members of the three regiments of North Carolina troops who served in the Spanish-American War and were formally mustered out at the close of that war, will now be able to collect a balance due them ranging from \$3.50 to \$50, according to rank and time of service, a balance for the collection of which efforts have been in progress for several years. The pay roll for this balance due was received Christmas Day from Washington, and will, the Governor says, be paid out just as fast as proofs of service and identity are presented by claimants. Each soldier must prove his identity, and the name must agree with the name on the official pay roll. There must also be a discharge and the proofs that he was the man discharged. The total balance due is about \$2,000. There will be a deduction of about 21 per cent. for cost of collection, the case having been pressed to a successful issue by Messrs. Manly and Henderson, of Winston-Salem.

The West End Fire Company, of High Point, for fire fighting purposes, was chartered to-day, with nine incorporators. There is also an amendment for the charter of the High Point Piano and Organ Company, changing the name to Shuman Organ Company and increasing the capital to \$125,000.

To Have Temperance Campaign.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., December 26.—The temperance forces of Salisbury are lining up for a battle royal with the liquor traffic early in the new year. It is announced that Roy W. J. Ham, who led the victory in Asheville, will wake the campaign in Salisbury, which is now looked upon as the stronghold of whiskey dealers in North Carolina. The date for the opening of the campaign has not been determined.

Danville Man to Asylum.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., December 26.—An insane man, giving his name as W. A. Disharoon, of Danville, was taken from a south-bound Southern Railway train in Salisbury last night and lodged in Zwan county asylum. He refused to give any information concerning himself, but was later identified by a Salisbury man as the son of a well-known resident of Danville. Disharoon refused to leave the train.

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Prohibition Leader



MR. W. N. JONES, of Raleigh, N. C., leader of the Prohibition forces, who won such a sweeping victory in Raleigh yesterday.

One Negro Mortally Wounded Another.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 26.—William Perry, aged twenty-five, was shot and mortally wounded here this afternoon by George Van Landingham, aged sixteen. Both parties are colored. The ball entered the lower part of the abdomen. Van Landingham, who claims the shooting was accidental, was arrested.

Death of Mrs. Rowland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HENDERSON, N. C., December 26.—At the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, full of faith and good works, Mrs. Lucy Sneed, the wife of George H. Rowland, Esq., died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. R. Clark, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Rowland was connected with some of the most prominent citizens. Her sons are Messrs. Walter, Oliver, Charles, Rowland and her daughter, Mrs. Clark, of Henderson; Mrs. J. H. Matthews, of Richmond, Va.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Burwell.

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AT HAMPDEN-SIDNEY

Most of the Professors Away for the Holidays—Christmas Tree.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, Va., December 26.—Christmas passed off very quietly here. With the exception of some half dozen, all the students went to their homes for the holidays. Of the professors, President McAllister is spending the holidays in Winchester, Va.; Professor Bagby is in Richmond, and Dr. Smith in Philadelphia. The rest of the faculty remained on the ground.

The only thing in the way of an entertainment was the usual Sunday-school Christmas tree, which was had in the Dramatic Club's auditorium on Christmas Eve. The arching of the place kept one aware of the season by the customary fireworks, both heard and seen during the past two days.

NEGRO BOYS ARRESTED

Believed They Are Responsible for Series of Robberies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 26.—By the arrest of four small negro boys last night the police believe they have captured a gang of thieves which has been responsible for a dozen robberies in the past ten days. The gang was caught in the act of robbing a Main Street store and the leader, a fifteen-year-old lad, confessed, implicating four others.

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